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1. In a conference with his editorial staff in late April 1950, Richard Schueller, editor-in-chief of the Communist Party newspaper Neue Zeit in Linz-Urfahr, stated that no political events of special importance could be expected in 1950. Although the Communist Party of Austria will carry on its fight as usual, there are no prospects of Austria becoming a people's democracy in the foreseeable future.
2. Schueller went on to mention that the state treaty presumably will not materialize. Previous plans of the Soviet Government to withdraw its troops from Austria were **reviewed** at a conference in Moscow on the occasion of Stalin's 70th birthday anniversary. Leading Austrian Communist Party functionaries participating in the conference included Koplenig, Fuernberg and Hexman. During the course of the conference Fuernberg declared that the Communist Party of Austria would probably be banned within three months after the withdrawal of Soviet troops and that Austria would then be integrated into the US or Fascist camp of nations and turned into a spring-board against the people's democracies.

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